

BALANCE SHEET, 1908.

RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1907 ...	19	7	1½
121 Subs. at 3/6 ...	21	3	6
11 Badges at 3/6 ...	1	18	6
Hatbands ...	0	8	0
25 Ties at 2/- ...	2	10	0
1 Sub. ...	0	10	0
1 Sub. ...	1	1	0

PAID AWAY.

	£	s.	d.
Jan. Wrappers ...	1	8	10
, Stamps and postcards ...	0	15	6
Mar. To J. Holt ...	10	13	11
April. To Miss Pennehorne ...	0	15	0
, Stamps ...	0	16	3
May. To J. Holt ...	2	14	8
, To Garden City Press ...	3	16	3
June. To Spiers and Pond for ties	2	6	0
, Postage ...	0	16	7
July. Postage and Wrappers ...	0	18	4
, To Mrs. Frith's presentation	0	2	6
, To Garden City Press ...	4	5	0
Sept. To Garden City Press ...	3	5	9
Oct. Postage and Wrappers ...	0	11	2½
Nov. 2 doz. Ties ...	2	6	0
, To Miss Pennehorne ...	0	15	0
, To Garden City Press ...	2	18	6
, Stamps and Wrappers ...	0	11	8½
Balance ...	7	1	1½

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DEAR STUDENTS,

May I say a few words about the balance sheet for 1908. You will remember at the beginning of the year we tried the experiment of having a magazine published every month. We soon found that we could not possibly afford this, and so decided to bring out two each term. I hope it may be possible to carry this on; but we shall never be able to meet expenses unless students will honestly make an effort to pay in their subscriptions during the year. This year there are thirty-eight defaulters, which is a great number, and if you reckon up you will find that their subscriptions (£6 13s.) would almost cover all expenses of postage incurred during the year. Before this appears in the "Pianta" I hope to have written to each one of these individually, and I trust I shall have received the greater number of them. But I do really want you to realise the importance of paying the subscription of 3s. 6d. when it falls due, which it does at the opening of each year. Fortunately we had a good balance to fall back upon, or we should not have carried on as long as we have done. Will you all try and send me your subscriptions for 1909 before the Conference? It would indeed be a joyful day if I could report then that all had come in.

With best wishes for the coming year to you all,

I am yours sincerely,

LILIAN GRAY.

STUDENTS' LETTERS.

DEAR EDITOR,

I am sending you two prospectuses of training classes for C. Pianist teachers. As member of the S.E.C., you would perhaps send a copy of the two years you represent.

Miss Gardner teaches the method, and uses it excellently. She has held these classes for many years, authorised by Mrs. Curwen, but is now starting on a larger scale. Those

whom she has trained have done well for themselves afterwards.

I do not know whether to suggest putting a notice or a copy of the prospectus in the "Pianta." What do you think? I know many students teach C.P. who would be the better for a course of training.

I am sending copies to each member of the S.E.C.

Yours sincerely, HELEN E. WIX.

KENNET,

ALLOA.

January 16th, 1909.

DEAR EDITOR,—

Are addresses of *reliable* pensions of use in your "Travel Notes"? Lady Balfour highly recommends "Fräulein Luise Kraatz, 65 Schnorrstrasse 65, Dresden." She was sixteen years in England, and knows exactly how English girls should be fed and "housed." She has a flat and room for a few girls, so that the chances of learning German are good. She takes them sight-seeing, gives German lessons, and is altogether excellent in every way. She was here for four years to "finish" the two elder daughters.—Yours sincerely,

M. L. WILSON.

CRANFORD HOUSE,

MOULSFORD.

DEAR EDITOR,—

I am at present in such a beautiful part of the country that I feel I should like to share it with those less favoured. If any students living in towns care to have nature specimens sent, I should be delighted to send boxes of twigs (this term), flowers (next term), and fruits (in the autumn) on receipt of 4d. for postage. There is no alder here, and if anyone would send me some catkins I should be truly grateful. It seems to me that it might be possible to exchange specimens sometimes to the advantage of P.U.S. children.—Yours truly,

ANNIE M. NIELD.

DEAR EDITOR,—

If you are able to insert the following letter, will you allow me to say that I should be very glad to receive and forward the names of any students who could undertake to keep a record for a certain district for six weeks from March 8th?—I am, truly yours,

E. KITCHING.

" 3, HANOVER SQUARE,

LONDON, W.

February 12th, 1909.

" Dear Madam,—

As the time is now approaching for commencing observations on the Spring Migration, the Committee would be glad to know if you will be able to co-operate in the work and send in the Schedules weekly as you kindly did last year.

The Report of last season's work is now in the press, and you will receive a copy when published.

It is apparent from last season's records that some Ring Ouzels reached their breeding haunts prior to the date at which our observations began, and the Committee are therefore anxious that special observations be made with regard to this bird, and would ask observers to furnish any notes about its movements that they can, especially if these be prior to the date at which regular observations begin.

There are still parts of the country where there is great need of more observers, and the Committee would be much obliged if you would give them the *names and addresses of any competent ornithologists who you think would be likely to assist the work.*

Kindly let me have a postcard saying whether you will be able to help, and whether you require any more Schedules. It is proposed to commence the observations this year on the 8th of March.—Yours faithfully,

J. LEWIS BONHOTE, Hon. Sec."